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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to Administrative Plan  
for Purchase of Houses [REDACTED]

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25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Office of Training, has advised that the essential reason the Director of Training believes that he should be given primary authority and responsibility for the disposition of the [REDACTED] houses is that if the Logistics Office had this authority and responsibility it would constitute an infringement upon his command prerogatives and responsibilities.

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2. Security and expedience factors do not appear important or significant in this case, since both authority and responsibility for the disposition of the properties are reserved to Headquarters, regardless of whether the Training or the Logistics Office is to be the principal.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Real Estate Branch, Logistics Office, has informed me that there is no reluctance on their part to fulfill their normal responsibilities. On the contrary he advised that, notwithstanding the actual wording of the Administrative Plan, Logistics Office would expect to provide technical guidance and assistance in the disposition of these properties: would expect to be the final authority with respect to the establishment of an acceptable sales price; and would expect to pass upon the terms of each sale, inspecting at that time the pertinent records and circumstances.

4. The case thus is resolved into a simple one, involving principles of organizational responsibility. The important decision to be made is whether the principle involved is sufficiently important to warrant further discussion at this time.

5. I recommend that you approve the Administrative Plan as drafted but that:

a. The Logistics Office be instructed to supervise and assist in the activity to the degree warranted.

b. That PAPS be instructed to be careful in drafting future Administrative Plans to conform to the normal organizational responsibilities prescribed by Agency regulations, excepting to the extent that modification is warranted by security or other necessary operational reasons.

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